

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

Subject

"One-Foot Strip" Road Openings

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Purpose

To describe the procedure for having the County of San Diego accept a previously rejected offer of dedication of a "one-foot strip" (i.e., a lot or portion of lot reserved for future street right of way). The "one-foot strip" is established to prevent access to and from adjacent property outside of the development. Acceptance of the one-foot strip is necessary to provide access to a subdivision for which a tentative map or tentative parcel map has been approved, subject to future acceptance by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Section 66477.2 (a) of the Government Code.

Background

County Code Sections 81.402 (major subdivisions) and 81.703 (minor subdivisions) require that dedicated streets terminating at the subdivision boundary shall include a strip of land one foot wide that extends across said street at its point of termination at the subdivision boundary. In addition, dedicated streets proposed along boundaries of a subdivision shall not be less than 40 feet wide within major subdivisions, and shall not be less than 30 feet wide within minor subdivisions. Both shall contain the one-foot wide strip of land along the outer edge of the boundary.

Rejection of the offer to dedicate the one-foot strip of land prevents the public's right of access across the one-foot strip. Acceptance of the previously rejected offer to dedicate the one-foot strip allows public access over it. This process is also known as "Road Opening."

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. An application shall be filed with the Director of Public Works, and the project benefiting from the road opening shall make a deposit and pay actual labor cost.
2. On a major subdivision, the Director of Public Works shall recommend acceptance of the previously offered and rejected "one-foot strip" as part of a Board letter recommending final map approval.
3. On a minor subdivision, prior to transmittal of the parcel map to the County Recorder for recording, the Director of Public Works shall recommend in a Board letter that the Board of Supervisors accept the previously offered and rejected "one-foot strip."
4. For "one-foot strip" road opening requests where extensions of the street pattern would have a purpose other than to serve a County approved major or minor subdivision, the Director of Public Works shall consider and make recommendations for approval, conditional approval, or denial in a letter to the Board of Supervisors.

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CAO Reference

1. Department of Public Works
2. Department of Planning and Land Use